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CARS MUST YIE

Plan for Prospect Park gives bikes, pedestrians more road

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

A revolutionary roadway redesign will bring transportation equality to Prospect Park's main street by removing a lane of car traffic and giving the space to pedestrians and cyclists, park officials say.

The street revamp will provide roughly

or grants by repurposing the road's center lane — which is used by motorists during rush hour — and dedicating it entirely to cyclists, under a proposal unvailed to panel of city officials on Tuesday.

Cars would keep the right lane while pedestrians would gain full use of the left



The battle for Brooklyn's byways

lane, which is currently split between cyclists and walkers during the hours that automobiles are allowed in the park.

'We think it's an opportunity to improve safety," said Prospect Park administrator Emily Lloyd, who is president of the Prospect Park Alliance and heads the panel of See **BIKES** on page 2



The corner of Third Avenue and Third Street might look something like this after the city approved Whole Foods' plans to open a store

Supermarket sweep City panel is unanimous for Whole Foods' plan

Bv Natalie O'Neill The Brooklyn Paper

Whole Foods has the green light to sell organic produce and fancy cheese on the shore of the Gowanus Canal — and the posh grocer says it could begin con-

Glenn Beck blasts the Co-op

struction on its first Brooklyn nue and Third Street on Tuesday, outpost as early as April.

The Board of Standards and Appeals unanimously approved the supermarket giant's proposal to build a White Housesized megastore at Third Ave-

granting the greenest of greengrocers special permission to skirt zoning rules.

Whole Foods has permission to build a 58,000 squarefoot shop on a space slated for

cause the panel determined the site is "burdened by unique conditions. The planned Whole Foods

is scheduled to open in early See WHOLE on page 9





Beka Economopoulos and Jason Jones hold their

BIRTH CAB FOR CUTIE

Woman has baby in taxi

By Aaron Short

The Brooklyn Paper

This birth puts the livery

from the Greenpoint home she shares with her husband, Jason Jones.

Economopoulos, founder of the arts collective Not and Alternative and an Occupy Williamsburg participant, See **BABY** on page 2



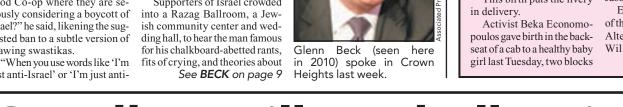
The Park Slope Food Co-op's campaign to ban Israeli food products is a hate-spewing affront on the Jewish State that will injure the whole human race, conservatold a packed crowd in Crown

the market's proposed boycott on Israeli-made or grown products "anti-Semitic" at a fundraiser for a Jerusalem museum.

Food Co-op where they are seriously considering a boycott of Israel?" he said, likening the suggested ban to a subtle version of drawing swastikas.

just anti-Israel' or 'I'm just anti-

"What is happening with the Zionist' — that's anti-Semitic." Supporters of Israel crowded





including Bob McClure and his pickles.

Goodbye pills — hello pickles!

Gourmet food makers move into Williamsburg's former Pfizer plant

By Aaron Short

South Williamsburg is no longer home to the makers of Viagra, but it now hosts the producers of a different kind of

The former Pfizer headquarters on Flushing Avenue is be-

Brooklyn food businesses including McClure's Pickles just one year after the pharmaceutical giant sold its shuttered drug factory to an industrial developer for \$26-million.

McClure's and a handful of food start-ups such as Brooklyn and this space offers loading in on the street is a nightmare for

coming a center for burgeoning Soda Works, Steve's Ice Cream, Kombucha Brooklyn, and Madecasse Chocolates have already started storing their wares inside the 660,000-square-foot former

"The location is close to retailers for distribution and logistics

a private dock," said McClure's co-founder Bob McClure, who recently packed up his pickles from a shared Bedford Stuyvesant kitchen and decamped for big pharma's greener pastures in South Williamsburg. "Unloading a semi-truck filled with pickles

It could be several months until McClure starts jarring his famous spicy spears and bloody-mary mix in the South Wiliamsburg plant because the space lacks commercial kitchens and some of the rooms do

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Sats for tots

Temporary ink lets Brooklyn kids look like Brooklyn adults

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

to tattoos

Brooklyn parents want the best for their kids even when it comes

DUMBO designer Tina Roth Eisenberg is on a mission to transform tacky temporary tats into designer accessories, bringing a bit of class to the quarter machine staple with her brand Tattly.

"Temporary tattoos are just part of being a kid," said Eisenberg, Tattly's Swiss-born founder and the mastermind behind the design blog Swiss Miss. "Why not have really cool ones instead of crappy ones?

Thanks to the mom-of-two's trusty network of graphic designers, children and commitment-wary adults alike are flexing biceps adorned with popsicles, mustachioed rocket men, and diamond-encrusted boom boxes - all without going under the needle.

It all started six months ago, when Eisenberg's 5-year-old daughter, Ella, nettled her mom's inner typography snob when she came home with a "hideous, sparkly pink and purple" temporary tattoo.

Eisenberg found herself wondering why there weren't any classier emblems that look real enough for adults, but cute

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popsicles and rainbows.

Mind the Gap

Huge retailer hits Fulton Mall

By Will Bredderman for The Brooklyn Pape

The Fulton Mall is starting to look

like, well, a mall, A Gap Factory Store opened Friday at the corner of Gallatin Place, mark-

ing the latest suburban-style addition to a retail corridor long considered to be Main Street for black shoppers in Brooklyn

The Gap falls into a commercial row lined with several national chains like Aeropostale and Aldo, which recently set up shop alongside the street's once ubiqituous electronics outlets, jewelry merchants and streetwear purveyors - local retailers that could be forced off the thoroughfare entirely, according to Downtown real estate expert

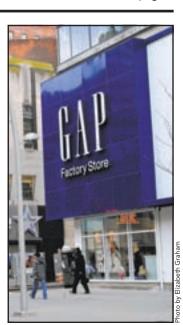
Bob Hebron.

"The day of the deli and the small shoe store and the gold chains is gone,' said Hebron, partner and vice president of the commercial real estate firm In-

gram & Hebron. Shoppers seemed excited about the Gap Factory Store on opening day, as customers grabbed marked-down jeans and dresses and lines stretched from the registers to the fitting rooms in

A store manager says the company decided to open on the Fulton Mall because of the high demand at the Gap's location at the Kings Plaza shopping center—a decision that certainly makes things easier for Gap-lover Deborah

See **GAP** on page 9



A Gap Factory Store opened on the Fulton Mall last week.

Rep. Michael Grimm in Bay Ridge on Feb. 23.

Grimm's gas

Rep's finances under fire **By Daniel Bush**

e Brooklyn Paper

Embattled Rep. Michael Grimm is under attack by government watchdog groups that claim he's being paid by natural gas companies for backing legislation that could earn the energy giants millions — but a defiant Grimm says that is how government is supposed to work.

Grimm (R-Bay Ridge) sponsored a bill that would allow Williams Companies and National Grid to build a \$265 million natural gas pipeline through Mill Basin. A few months later, the two companies donated a total of \$3,000 to Grimm's re-election campaign — contributions critics say prove that See **GRIMM** on page 9

's shorter future

Straphangers: Don't cut 'The Brooklyn Local' Yet with every bit of progress

By Natalie O'Neill

The reopening of a long-shuttered entrance at the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street station promises Park Slopers greater subway access — but it also marks the beginning of the end of an extension of the G train that provides a crucial transit link between North and Brownstone

Commuters will no longer need to cross six busy lanes of traffic to hop the train after the Metropolitan Transportation Authority wrapped up a station facelift last Thursday, ticking off another item in the agency's massive renovation of the F train line between the Carrol Street and the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street stations

in the agency's \$257.5 million rehabilitation of the Culver Viaduct, the G train extension - which two and a half years ago brought service to the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street, Seventh Avenue, Prospect Park-15th Street, Fort Hamilton Parkway and Church Avenue stations - moves closer to its last stop.



the G train could come to an end when the MTA finishes its renovation of the socalled Culver Viaduct.

The agency lengthened the G train's route when it started work at the line's terminus at Smith-Ninth Street, connecting the borough from Greenpoint to Kensington with one-seat service befitting the nickname "The Brooklyn Local." But the MTA is only obligated

to keep the train running at those stations until the project is finished next winter.

MTA Spokesman Charles Seaton told The Brooklyn Paper that "a decision hasn't been made" about whether the agency would keep the G train running at those five stations come next See G TRAIN on page 9



Nicole Glazebrook and Milo at the

Wag Club's ultimate happy hour.

Wine and canine meet-up is new frontier in dog training By Kate Briquelet

The Brooklyn Paper humanity's favorite things — are coming together for the ultimate happy hour.

The Furman Street pet spa the Wag Club is helping dogs learn etiquette and people kick back and sip shiraz in a gathering fittingly called "Wine 'N Puppies."

"We really want to help humans become better dog owners and develop a real bond with their beloved pooches," said John Squires, owner of the animal spa famous for its "pawdicures." "It's a social hour for social cues."

Pups sniff while owners swill

The meet-up is reserved for hounds ages 3 to 16 weeks — a critical time for dogs to adjust to the real world.

Certified trainer Rob Haussmann, who broke in Mayor Bloomberg's dogs, plays traffic sound clips and pushes vacuum cleaners to acclimate the pets to city noise, and gives owners tips on barking, nipping and housebreaking as he watches canine faux pas. It isn't the most relaxing environment

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Even more Success

Controversial charter pitches another school

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

A politically connected charter school network that is being sued after promising to open a school in one district, then opening it elsewhere, says it wants to come

back to the area it jilted. The latest addition to the rapidly expanding Success Charter Network is a proposed K-8 facility that would open in fall of 2013 in District 13, which includes parts of Downtown, Brooklyn Heights, Fort Greene, Clinton Hill and Bedford-Stuyvesant—a swath of the borough it controversially skirted after getting the go-ahead from the state to launch an elementary school in the zone.

Jenny Sedlis, a director at the charter superpower headed by former Manhattan Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz, said the proposed school will be a boon to neighborhood parents.

"Families across New York City share a common goal - providing their children with the very best education possible," said Sedlis, whose charter group already runs two schools in Bedford-Stuyvesant and is trying to open two charters in Prospect Heights and Crown Heights, one in Williamsburg and one in Cobble Hill. "That's what we want to provide. Success officials declined

to say which under-capacity public schools they are eyeing as possible shared homes for their new charter, but said the school will start with 180 kindergartners

and first-graders before adding more grade levels.

Sedlis say that more than 1,500 residents of District 13 have signed a petition supporting a new Success Acad- but some parents are furious with the charter chain, claiming its schools take valuable space from struggling public schools.

"This is a corporate takeover of public schools," said Cobble Hill parent Gloria Mattera. "Eva Moskowitz can do whatever she wants, and the mayor and chancellor allow it to happen.'

Mattera is part of a cadre of parents who filed a lawsuit against Success earlier this month, arguing that the network circumvented state rules by putting an elementary school in Cobble Hill,

a posher section of District 15, when it was only approved to open in the Downtown district or District 14, which includes Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Bed-

ford-Stuyvesant Rob Perris, district manager of Community Board 2, said that many residents

are suspicious of the charter's

business plans because of its

previous switcheroo. Success Charter Network is also facing a backlash in Williamsburg, where moms and dads are trashing Moskowitz's academy as a "corporate charter chain" that didn't advertise to minority groups.

Success supporters — including Mayor Bloombergsay its schools are some of the highest-ranking in the

BABY.

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was expecting to give birth in two weeks, but she began to have contractions at 5:30 pm at her Newel Street home during a video team meeting with other Occupy pro-

The demonstrators played

the role of doula as best as they could as Economopoulos went into labor in her liv-About 45 minutes later,

Jones called a cab — but the taxi never made it to the hos-As they drove toward

Greenpoint Avenue, the situation became critical and the cabbie pulled over.

Economopoulos's husband squeezed his wife's hips to help with the pain, but that didn't work.

"I said, no, don't squeeze, pull my pants down, there's a head there," she said.

The cab driver got out of his car and waved orange flags directing traffic until two ambulances and six police cars arrived at the

"I didn't even push it just came out," Economopoulos said in a video posted on You-Tube titled "Occupy Baby." "I thought I had a poop and then there was a head. Jason caught the baby!"

Fire Department para-

medics cleaned the baby, put Economopoulos on a stretcher, placed her in an ambulance, cut the baby's

filmed the whole thing.
"We had it in the cab," said Jones. "She's totally fine. We're here in the hospital. I caught it in the cab.

umbilical cord, and drove to

Bellevue Hospital as Jones

Later that night, Economopoulos posted on her Facebook page, "Well that was unexpected. Baby came 2 wks early, labor was a little more than an hour from start to finish. Jason delivered her in the back of a cab. We only got 2 blocks from the house! Everyone's healthy and happy. Thx for the well

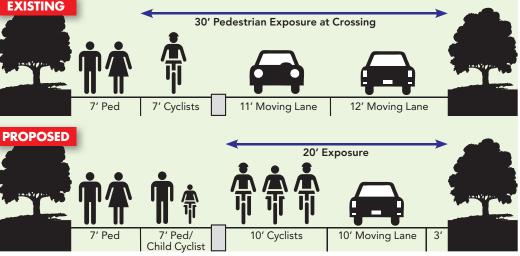
Friends said that the story of their birth is "completely

"Anyone who knows Beka, and has seen her in action as an organizer, is not surprised by her amazing calm, aplomb, and lucidity while she does the miraculous," said Williamsburg resident Cynthia Walker, a fellow parent. And city Taxi and Lim-

ousine Commissioner David Yassky offered his bless-

ing.
"There's something so special about being born in Brooklyn that this beautiful young lady just couldn't wait to be here!" said Yassky.

The protesting power couple named the baby Mila Amie Economopoulos Jones and are now back in Greenpoint celebrating their new



Continued from page 1 parks and transportation of-

ficials, cycling advocates and cops that hatched the plan. "It's one lane for each group - all the time '

The egalitarian new roadway revamp, which could hit the street as soon as late spring, comes after several serious crashes - some of them nearly fatal - between cyclists and walkers on the treeflanked street. It also comes after park critics called the road's current markings confusing and pushed for an allout elimination of automotive traffic in the greensward.

The design, crafted by the Prospect Park Road Sharing Taskforce, dedicates 10 feet of roadway to cars. 10 feet to cyclists, and 14 feet of roadway to pedestrians and child cyclists who aren't comfortable riding on the grown-up lane.

Bikers and runners cheered the plan — which closely resembles a 2008 proposal by bicycle advocates - at a public meeting at the park's picnic house, saying it will save lives and bring order to the sometimes chaotic path.

But they also used the forum as an opportunity to ask for a total ban on cars in the park.

"This is a major step in the right direction," said longtime cycling supporter Eric McClure. "However, I don't think it quite goes far enough."

McClure called for a trial period in which the city closes the park to cars during summermonths—an idea echoed by other park-goers who praised the plan, but eventually want a roadway with no automobiles.

"Think about how many streets we have in New York and how few places like Prospect Park there are," said Joanna Oltman Smith. "This is a national treasure [and] I'm horrified about the way cars speed on the drive.'

Motorists, however, claim the proposal and the mentality of cycling advocates makes them feel per-

secuted. "It's another plan that demonizes drivers," said Marc Russo, a driver from Park

Slope. "Not everybody lives [the cyclist] lifestyle.' He said motorists have already given up plenty of

street space to make way for

bike lanes, as was the case on the controversial bike path on Prospect Park West.

Thanks to the plan, the city says drivers who enter the park on weekdays from 7 am to 9 am and 5 pm to 7 pm should expect their jaunts to take about That delay sparked fear

seven seconds longer.

among some neighbors. who worry that the 700 autos that use the park each hour in the morning would flood streets in surrounding neighborhoods.

"I'm concerned we're gonna have traffic backing make tweaks.

up," said Windsor Terrace

resident Joan Botti. Lloyd said the plan also calls for increased enforcement, outreach and better signage on the street, and said the panel would meet soon to discuss feedback from the hearing — and potentially

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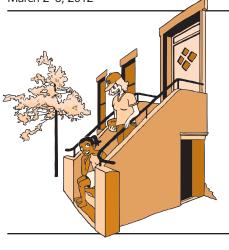
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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

GREENPOINT



Regine Raab, with her dog Benny, launched her pet accessories design firm at The Yard, a new coworking site on Nassau Avenue in Greenpoint.

Start me up!

Tech companies boot up in Nassau Street space

The Brooklyn Paper

A Nassau Avenue warehouse is bringing a bit of the Silicon Valley to Brooklyn's "Garden Spot."

Eager engineers and web workers are buzzing around a new communal Greenpoint office space called The Yard, which has already attracted 65 companies and become home to a thriving start-up scene since it opened its doors in November.

Most of the 200 or so tech workers who share space on the building's third floor traded in their Manhattan offices to move to Brooklyn — and for many of them the commute is the best part of their new abode.

"All of us live in Brooklyn, so what was the point of going into Manhattan?" said Cezary Pietrzak, whose company Wanderfly is launching a personalized travel website this month. "I only have a five minute bike ride or a 15 minute walk, so it's not a hard commute to work."

The warehouse boasts tenants including an Internet security firm, scores of web developers, and designers who market online — but it's also got the casual vibe

"It's so much easier," said Regine Raab, who designs custom pet accessories including dog beds, leashes and collars for Waggo and used to work in Manhattan. "It's nice to be in a community with other entrepreneurs and I can bring my dog to work."

Greenpoint isn't the first Brooklyn neighborhood to experience a tech boom.

Some of the city's largest and best-known web companies, including Etsy and the digital marketing agency Prolific Interactive, have planted roots in DUMBO.

And in the past year, Brooklyn's growing tech scene has helped push the number of venture capital investment deals inked in New York above the number signed - putting the city in second place in the tech race behind the Silicon Valley and purportedly sparking another East Coast-West Coast rivalry

The start-up community growing at The Yard is still forming and web workers have been reaching out to businesses in the area to share ideas during monthly "breakfast clubs" and pub crawls — another perk for the neighborhood's newest entrepreneurs.

"We like the neighborhood because of the concentration of other tech companies here," said Dean Mekkawy, who is launching the online security service Spotflux. "Plus there's a beer garden downstairs."

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Patties are staying put

Pastry seller in Barclays' shadow makes a deal

By Natalie O'Neill The Brooklyn Paper

A beloved Jamaican patty purveyor will stay in his Prospect Heights pastry shop despite a landlord-tenant flare-up that almost resulted in another real estate turnover near the soon-toopen Barclays Center. Paul Haye, owner of Chris-

tie's Jamaican Patties on Flatbush Avenue and Sterling Place, claims he struck a deal with his landlord, who last fall sued him over rent. putting the 45-year-old eatery's future in jeopardy. Property owner Lina Feng

claimed the Caribbean food joint owed her \$20,000 in fees for late rent and other bills, but she dropped the lawsuit in exchange for a \$20,000 check and arenthike of \$1,300 per month, according to Haye. 'Thank God we were able

to come up with the money," he said. "In the end, it's quite



Paul Hayes says he has reached a compromise with his landlord that will allow Christie's Jamaican Patties to remain open on Flatbush Avenue.

foolhardy to be fighting with your landlord; she's always going to win.

Haye admitted he paid rent late on occasion, but said his landlord invented the \$20,000 figure in order to pressure him out and make way for high-end retailers that would cater to a stadium crowd.

But he claims writing a check was a better solution than a drawn-out court

Feng — who came under fire last year for welcoming a controversial planned sports bar to the neighborhood declined to talk about the compromise, saying, "No comment. Goodbye," before hanging up the phone.

Before the resolution of the food fight, which was first reported by Here's Park Slope, neighborhood patty-lovers rallied behind Christie's, saying Haye's \$2 flaky meatfilled treat - which one online reviewer called "the best damn patties on the planet" is one of the area's best and cheapest lunches.

Haye hopes his pastry shop will find new fans among the hoopsters who flock to Nets games this fall, but he fears he might struggle to cover the extra \$1,300 in rent he has agreed to pay.

"We're here for the time being, "Haye said. "We're just holding on.'

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Gas shut off in public housing

By Aaron Short The Brooklyn Paper

Residents of a Williamsburg public housing tower fear they will be cooking with hot plates for as long as a year because of a gas leak in the basement of their Taylor Street building.

City housing workers shut off the gas at Independence Towers on Taylor Street on Feb. 14 to stop the leak and a city Housing Authority official told tenants that service won't be restored for at least six months and possibly as long as a year, residents said.

An agency spokeswoman told The Brooklyn Paper that a contractor should be able to finish the repairs within four or five weeks and said the authority has not given residents an official time frame for the project - and that has tenants boiling.

"I went to the Housing Au-



Independence Tower residents and Democratic District Leader Lincoln Restler say the city must quickly fix a gas leak and restore service because electric burners are not sufficient.

thority yesterday and [an official] gave me the runaround and told me the best thing to do is to go to Congress," said Pamela Cowherd, who has lived in the building for 10 years. "I

thought he was joking.' Instead, tenants have been cooking on cheap, city-provided electric burners.

Williamsburg resident Mayra Ducos threw away her pots — and her dinnerbecause the hot plates singed them. This week, she has already spent \$146 for food for her family of three.

"I'm spending money buying food, there's no other way," said Ducos. "I have a 13-year-old. He's hungry every hour." And Hasidic families, who

make up about 80 percent of the building's 122 households, are scrambling to prepare enough food for the upcoming Purim and Passover holidays. "There's no way to cook or bake with this [burner], I've

and buying the rest," said one Orthodox woman who gave her name as M. Weiner. Public officials urged the

been shopping, cooking a little

city to fix the leak and restore service quickly.

"There are families here with eight, 10, and 12 people, and they cannot provide for them on an electric burner," said Williamsburg District Leader Lincoln Restler. "We need the gas back on now!"

be heartbreaking to lose what

is likely America's only retired oil tanker-turned-art

this is that there's so much

waterfront in New York and

few places where you can

dock a historic ship," said

Haggerty, a former presi-

dent of the North River His-

toric Ship Society. "The Mary

Whalen is one of our last his-

toric ships, and she can tell

About 30 residents showed

up in support of the Mary

Whalen at a community

meeting Monday night at

Long Island College Hos-

pital, where Salguero asked

for donations to keep PortS-

resident and historian, called

on the city to save the sink-

that every one of us is tuned

into the same dream to tear

this dark cloud down that hov-

ers over the Mary Whalen,"

J.J. Burkard, a Red Hook

"I would hope and pray

a great story.'

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said Burkard.

"The sad part about all of

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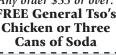
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Red Hook seafarers: Save our ship! Oil tanker-turned-art space Mary Whalen needs new port

By Kate Briquelet

RED HOOK

The Brooklyn Paper

An historic fuel tanker is sinking in a sea of red tape — and its captains fear they must sell the floating cultural center for scrap if they can't find it a permanent port by April 30 PortSide NewYork, a mar-

itime education group, has been waiting three years to anchor the Mary Whalen at Atlantic Basin in Red Hook. and after long-stalled negotiations with the city and the Port Authority the neighborhood's seafarers say they can wait no longer.

"The Atlantic Basin is not going to come through for us," said PortSide's founder Carolina Salguero, who spent \$125,000 refurbishing the Mary Whalen's Depressionera hull. "Now we need help

DUMBO

Finalists picked



Carolina Salguero needs a new home for the Mary Whalen, an oil tanker turned cultural center, or the beloved old vessel will be sold for scraps!

focusing on the future."

In 2009, the city's Economic Development Corporation offered PortSide the chance to move the Mary Whalen from its home at the Red Hook container terminal to Pier 11 — both properties that are managed by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Supporters of the 74-yearold ship — which has been a swaying stage for opera, hisfundraisers for her educational programs. But the plan to steer the Mary Whalen into Pier 11 hit murky waters - and it's not clear who was at the helm when the proposal ran

Salguero refused to comment on why she can't anchor her boat at Pier 11, saying only that she is desperately seeking help to find a new

Jennifer Friedburg, a

toric tours and even a supper spokeswoman for the Economic Development Corpoclub since 2008—cheered the proposal to dock at the unused ration, said that the city was working with PortSide "to pier just south of the Brooklyn find an equitable solution" for Battery Tunnel, especially after federal security measures the riverside art facility. tightened, preventing PortS-The Port Authority didn't ide from hosting more than respond to requests for comment, but an insider told The five visitors at a time and making it impossible for Salguero Brooklyn Paper that neither to stage large events or big the city nor the waterfront agency are at fault - say-

ing that Salguero didn't secure the required fundraising for the site. Salguero denied that there

tion for tugboats.

was any problem with her paperwork or fundraising, and said revenue really wouldn't be a problem if she could dock at Pier 11, where the ship could host weddings and even serve as a docking sta-

Betsy Haggerty, a maritime journalist, said it would

PROSPECT PARK

Quack' down

By Natalie O'Neill The Brooklyn Paper

ered creatures.

the word "OUACK" next

The tagger struck with baby blue paint last week, creating what might be a heartfelt homage to the bor-

Paul Nelson, a spokesman for the park, called the fowl graffiti foul play, and promised to remove it. The city

source says. See them all at BrooklynPaper.com. ing, a restaurant, and at least people felt that way," said 300 parking spaces, according Jane McGroarty, Brooklyn to the city's plan. Construction

could begin in 2013. Community stakeholders were relieved to hear that their favorite designs remained.

'They were the superior

Heights Association presithree schemes, and a lot of and the development."

Brooklyn's obsession

with Prospect Park's waterfowl has gone so far that even graffiti taggers are paying tribute to the feath-A vandal spray-painted

to a painted trail of webbed feet on East Lake Driveacross from a lake where federal agents slaughtered hundreds of geese in the name of aviation safety in 2010.

ough's squawkers.

isn't planning on removing the "duck tracks," which were painted years ago to guide visitors to the boathouse.

for Park hotel Brooklyn Paper. By Kate Briquelet Extell Development, RAL Companies, SDS Procida, and The pool of big-time de-

The Brooklyn Paper

velopers vying to build a luxury hotel at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 1 is down to the final three, says a source familiar with the deal.

The Dermot Company, Toll Brothers and Starwood Capital Group are still in the running for a mixed-use complex that will include a 10-story hotel, condos, and a restaurant near the park's primary entrance at the foot of Old Fulton Street, a de-

velopment insider told The

Two Trees Management were apparently left in the dust. "It was a matter of deduction — everyone knows each

name over concerns it would impact negotiations. A Park spokeswoman wouldn't confirm the short

other," said the source, who

asked not to be identified by

list, but said officials would pick a developer by spring. Whoever wins will build a 170-to 225-room hotel, a 150-

to 180-unit residential build-

This proposal by Dermot is one of three being considered by officials at Brooklyn Bridge Park, a

> dent and member of the park's community advisory council. "We wanted something open, so there wasn't a bulky, unwelcoming wall between the park

Big shrimpin': 'Burgs 7 ton seafood heist

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The driver told police he

parked his chopper near De-

voe Street at 2:20 pm, but

when he returned an hour

84 PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-

DUMBO-Boerum Hill-

Downtown

Semi-automatic

matic gun robbed a man at

the Atlantic Avenue subway

a Manhattan-bound D train

that was stopped at the At-

lantic Avenue-Pacific Street

station at 1:30 am when the

crooks showed off the weapon

Two thieves stole a cell-

The straphanger said he

was riding a Manhattan-

bound F train at 2:50 am

when the crooks boarded at

the York Street station near

Jay Street and grabbed his

phone and iPod from a man

at the York Street subway sta-

and grabbed his iPhone.

Subway steal

The victim said he was on

station on Feb. 23.

Thugs toting a semi-auto-

later, it was gone.

— Aaron Short

90TH PRECINCT

Southside-Bushwick That's a lot of clams!

A fishy thief stole \$77,000 worth of shrimp and salmon from a Metropolitan Avenue seafood store.

The proprietor of DZH Import and Export told cops that he locked up his store at 5 pm on Feb. 20, but when he returned at 11:30 am the next day, he saw that 720 boxes of seafood — approximately 15.500 pounds of shrimp and 3,300 pounds of salmon were missing.

Group effort

Four teenage thugs beat

The victim told police and was near Graham Avenue at 10:20 pm when the bullies surrounded her. One pulled her ponytail, bringing her to the ground, while the others started to punch and kick her, knocking off

her purse, and the group ran away

Double team

A sleazy perp stole \$70 from a woman in the Flushing Avenue J train station on Feb. 24.

The victim told police she was entering the turnstile near Broadway, when a man tried to double up with her and said, "Do you know that you are gorgeous?"

The woman pushed the creep away, but he had aland grabbed the cash.

\$800, four bottles of brandy, and a carton of cigarettes from a Gerry Street synagogue on Feb. 25.

A witness said that perps broke into the synagogue's basement at 1:10 am, grabbed the cash, smokes, and booze, and left at 1:36 am.

Gun punch A thief tried to rob a

woman on the Williamsburg Bridge footpath on Feb. 22, but punched her in the face The victim told police she

was near S. Fifth Street at 6:05 pm when the perp approached her, showed her a gun, and said, "Give me your phone and your bag.'

The victim refused, so the perp punched her and then ran toward Bedford

Phone theft

A thief stole an iPhone from a woman on the Queensbound J train at Hewes Street on Feb. 21.

The victim told police she was sitting on the train and texting with her phone at 5:20 pm when the perp grabbed the phone and fled out of

station toward Broadway but lost sight of him.

purse on Manhattan Avenue

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near Scholes Street at 11:20 pm and wrestled her for her Fun synagogue purse, cutting her right knee Two unholy thieves stole in the scuffle.

MacTook

A thief stole a computer and iPod from a McKibbin Street apartment on Feb. 22.

The tenant told police that she went to sleep at midnight, but when she woke up, she saw her property was missing.

Honda heist

A thief stole a Honda parked on S. First Street overnight on Feb. 24.

The driver said he parked his car near Hooper Street at 6 pm. but when he returned at 9:45 am the next day, it was gone.

parked on Metropolitan Av-

The driver said he parked his vehicle near Grand Street on Feb. 20 at 2:30 pm, but when he returned at 4:30 am the next day, he saw the truck was missing, but the trailer it had been attached to was left at the location.

Honda grabbed

missing.

Bike moved

A thief stole a motorcy-

The victim told police cle parked on Graham Ave-

are the details:

and TV from a Dean Street apartment on Feb. 24.

the home between Third and Fourth avenues at 1:30 am.

· Someone broke into a Court Street apartment sometime between Feb. 18 and Feb. 20.

The occupant said she left the home between Smith and

puter from a Bridge Street

When she returned at 4:30 pm on Feb. 20, the laptop

ing, "Don't follow me or I'll

Botched rob

a woman on Sands Street on Feb. 25, but ran off after she let out a blood-curdling scream.

when the men stopped her and one of them flashed a handgun. But the woman slashed his left hand with a screamed at the top of her lungs, and the terrified Dirty soap crooks ran away.

Lobby mug A crook robbed a man

Street apartment building

the thief followed him into the lobby of his building between Henry and Hicks streets at 2:35 pm and told him, "I have a gun." The thief didn't produce the weapon, but the man handed over his cellphone anyway.

unattended baby bag from the Court Street Barnes and Noble on Feb. 20.

left the bag on the floor at the store near State Street at 12:30 pm. When he returned to retrieve it 20 minutes later, the all-important bag was missing. It contained an iPhone, a wallet, and the baby's medication. Cash grab

A thief stole \$200 from a

woman on Willoughby Street on Feb. 20.

The victim said she was

Mailing it in

woman at a post office on Ninth Street on Feb. 21.

tim told cops she hung her purse on the back of a stroller while mailing a package between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 11 am. She stepped away from the stroller for a few minutes, only to discover that her purse — and the brown Gucci wallet inside - were gone.

Carroll Street on Feb. 23.

The 24-year-old-victim That's when she discov-

ered two Mac computers and a jewelry box were gone.

Van plan

ond Avenue on Feb. 23. The 29-year-old victim **Workout ruined** A thief swiped \$1,000

silver Dodge Grand Caravan near Ninth Street at 1 pm, then came back about eight hours later. That was enough time for the thief to steal the \$2,000 ride—leaving no sign of broken glass. – Natalie O'Neill

76TH PRECINCT

A crook stole a wallet from the Planet Fitness gym on Slugged

Police arrested a man who they said assaulted another

he was arguing with the suspect between Warren and Baltic streets at 3:50 pm when the brute slugged him

hour later and took the sus-

a business on Degraw Street

on Feb. 26 Employees at the establishment between Smith and Court streets said the crook entered the store sometime after 3 am, taking an HP computer worth \$700 and

at \$150.

the next day at 3 pm, the mo-— Daniel Bush Feb. 22.

> The victim told cops that he parked his car between Clinton and Court streets at 1 pm, leaving his wallet in the sun visor, but forgetting to close his rear window.

> later to find his wallet missing, along with the \$50, credit cards, driver's license, and Social Security card it con-

— Colin Mixson

Popped

man on Vanderbilt Avenue

toys — and a laptop were on Feb. 26. The 61-year-old victim

and a swollen eye — before

Rear window

tim told cops he was near Thieves stuck Vanderbilt Ninth Street at 2:40 pm when Avenue, robbing two aparta man wearing a blue hooded ments in a building between Bergen and Dean streets on

• A 27-year-old victim of one of the apartments told cops that he left for work at 6:45 am, and returned at 7 pm to find his laptop, computer, and video games gone. He said one rear window had Two thieves snatched some been left unlocked.

> of the second apartment told cops he left for work at 10:30 am, and returned at 4:15 pm to find his front door jammed and his computer and camera gone. The thief had also apparently entered through the rear window, cops said. Punch patrol

A roving flock of jerks

and ran away, according to Parkway on Feb. 25. The 25-year-old victim

> avenues at 11:45 pm when one of the men punched him in the face and fled. Hit and flee

A thug also punched a

man on Eastern Parkway on Feb. 26.

hill Avenue at 1 am when the thug hit him in the face and fled. Car smash

Street and stole its naviga-

The 37-year-old victim

tion system on Feb. 24.

A burglar scored a Mac-Book, hard drive, iPod, and

told police that she left her tween Underhill and Vanderbilt avenues at 10 am, returnhome near Lafayette Aveing at 5:45 pm to find her nue at 8 am. passenger-side window bro-

— Eli Rosenberg

88TH PRECINCT

A quartet of robbers at-

tacked a man waiting for a

Queens-bound G train at the

Clinton-Washington station

from Los Angeles told po-

lice that he was at the plat-

form at 2:20 am when four

men surrounded him and one

of them pushed him down

onto the tracks and yelled, "Give me your stuff!"

Then two of the cold-

blooded crooks jumped down

and pounded his face before

stealing his iPhone, wallet,

A mob of men — one

The 36-year-old employee

with a firearm — robbed

a Hall Street warehouse on

told police that he was at the

storage facility near Flushing

Avenue at 5:30 pm, when one

goon held him at gunpoint

and said, "We don't want to

hurt you. We just want the

hauled boxes of loot into a

moving truck and finally let

Muggers punched a woman on St. Edwards Street

and snatched her phone on

told police that she was near

Myrtle Avenue at 6:45 pm

when the goons approached

her from behind and socked

her in the head. They fled

after one of the thieves

yanked her cellphone. She

then walked to the nearby

A knife-wielding luna-

tic stole a teen's iPhone and

the evildoer demanded, "Give

mobile and \$120 Air Jordans

The teen forked over his

A gang of five beat up a

The 41-year-old victim

woman on Willoughby Street

and stole her bag of grocer-

Brooklyn Hospital.

Foot the bill

The 20-year-old victim

More than six thieves

and \$900 Canon camera.

Gun play

merchandise.

him go at 1:30 am.

Phone clip

Feb. 25.

The 24-year-old victim

on Feb. 22.

When she returned at 3:30 pm, her gear was gone.

— Kate Briquelet

68TH PRECINCT Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights

Brutal mugging A thug assaulted and robbed a woman on Third

Avenue on Feb. 24 The victim told cops that she was near 75th Street at 2.40 am when the brute punched her in the face and then stomped on her chest after she'd fallen to the pavement. The thug then snatched up the woman's black handbag, which contained \$60 and credit cards.

Dine and dash A thief robbed a diner on

Fifth Avenue on Feb. 21.

Police say the crook broke into the eatery between 85th and 86th streets at 5:30 pm by prying open the back door, and grabbed \$50 from the register.

Cards swiped A crook stole some credit cards left in a man's car on 79th Street on Feb. 23.

The victim told police that he parked his car between Seventh and 10th avenues at 2 pm, and when he returned later that day, he discovered that the cards were gone.

An earful

robbed a man on Ovington Avenue on Feb. 25.

The victim told police that he was opening the front door to his house between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 1:12 am when the thugs appeared, placed the gun behind his head, and demanded the book bag he was wearing. He resisted and one of gunmen dragged him to the ground

Break in A crook broke into a woman's home on 84th Street on

> The resident of the home between 12th and 13th avenues told cops that the thief pried open the rear door at

9:30 am, taking property that

Greenpoint-Northside

Slap happy

on Graham Avenue 10:30 pm when the 16-yearold slapped his hand and took

suspect a few blocks away.

Eagle eyed steal a woman's phone on Ea-

gle Street on Feb. 21. The victim told police she was near Franklin Street at 8:20 pm when the teen ap-

He pushed her and tried

screamed and he ran.

a woman's handbag and computer on Roebling Street on

The victim told police she was near N. Seventh Street at 8:30 am when the teens approached her, snatched her bags off her shoulder, kicked

A trio of thieves was arnew Nissan sedan parked

rested for snatching a woman's phone inside the Graon Feb. 22, said cops. told police that he parked it

8:30 pm when the goons took her phone from her hands and ran toward Metropolitan Avenue. Police arrested suspects shortly after. A ruthless creep broke a

blood pressure kit from a car parked on Berry Street on Feb. 26. The driver parked her car causing cuts and a fractured

near N. Third Street at 2 am, but when she returned at 4 am. she saw her car was unlocked and her stuff was gone. Jeep jacked

A thief stole a Jeep parked on Newel Street on Feb. 25.

The driver said he parked

12 hours later, there was broken glass on the street and his car was no where in sight. **Moto mayhem** A thief stole a motorcy-

cle parked on N. 14th Street

The driver told cops he parked his chopper near

Wythe Avenue at 9 pm, but when he returned 10 days

up a woman and stole her purse on Orient Avenue on Feb. 20. she left the L-train station

An accomplice grabbed

She chased him out of the

Purse snatch

on Feb. 22.

A thief stole a woman's

Semi stolen A thief stole a semi truck

A thief stole a Honda

parked on Union Avenue. The driver told cops he parked his car near S. First Street on Feb. 20 at 10:30 am. but when he returned at 8:45 am the next day, the car was

electronic devices. **Lots of burglars** Thieves broke into at least five homes last week. Here

> · A crook stole a computer The occupant said she left

> When she returned at 7:30 am, the front door was unlocked and the items were

> The occupant said she left the home between Dean and Pacific streets at 12:45 pm on Feb. 18. When she returned at 6:50 pm on Feb. 20, the front door was unlocked and several household items were

> missing. · A thief swiped a computer monitor and \$2,500 from a Wyckoff Street home on Feb. 9.

> Hovt streets at 1 pm. When she returned at 9 pm, the front door was unlocked and the screen and cash were no lon-· A burglar stole a com-

> home sometime between Feb. 18 and Feb. 20. The occupant told police she left the apartment between Willoughby Street and the Myrtle Avenue Promenade at 11:30 am on Feb. 18.

was missing. • A thief who broke into a State Street home on Feb. 21 was caught red-handed by the apartment's occupant and fled before making off with

his booty. The victim told cops when she entered her home between Nevins and Bond streets at 1 pm, she found a stranger rummaging through the apartment. The surprised burglar fled the flat, scream-

hurt you."

Ten thugs tried to rob

The victim said she was near Gold Street at 7:10 pm

in the lobby of his Remsen The victim told cops that

Baby blues A heartless crook stole an

The baby's father said he

a man on Flatbush Avenue on Feb. 20. The 28-year-old victim told cops that he was talk-

near Jay Street at 3 pm when the crook snatched the cash

The 34-year-old vicken and the electronic system gone. Fort Greene-Clinton Hill **Tour de force**

Window sneak A thief snatched some jewelry from an apartment on

told cops that she left her home near Seventh Avenue at 8:15 am, then came back

A window near the fire escape had been left ajar, she said.

A crook stole a van on Sec-

told cops that he parked a

Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill-Red Hook

fellow on Henry Street on Feb. 26. The victim told cops that

Cops showed up a halfpect into custody.

Swiper swiped A thief took a computer and credit card swiper from

tween Feb. 19 and Feb. 20. a credit card swiper valued The chopper's owner said he parked the two-wheeler

Car crook A crook took off with a wallet after raiding a truck parked on Bush Street on

A creep swiped some He returned five hours

77TH PRECINCT **Prospect Heights**

covered a white metal trunk A ruffian punched an older full of \$300 worth of sex

> told cops he was between St. Marks Avenue and Bergen Street at 8 pm when the thug popped him in the face - giving him a bloody nose

• The 40-year-old victim

punched a man on Eastern

Police arrested two sustold cops he was between Underhill and Washington

> and Willoughby Street at 1:55 The 26-year-old victim pm when she placed her motold cops he was at Underbile on a table and left a patient in the room. phone was gone. **Tech heist**

apartment on Feb. 24.

Two gun-wielding thugs

'Shoot him," one of the evildoers barked. The other thug then shot off a round near the victim's ear, barely missing him. The victim said he gave up the bag, which contained \$15,000.

she did not name. — Colin Mixson

94TH PRECINCT

Police arrested a thief who they say stole a man's phone The victim told police he was near Conselyea Street at

his iPhone. Police arrested a

A teenage thief tried to

proached her and said, "Run

to grab her phone, but she

Laptop snatch Two teenage thieves stole

- including a Kindle and

her in the leg, and fled. Some jerk ran off with **Phone snatch** the tires and rims of brand-

ham Avenue L train station The victim told police she was waiting for the train at

Pressure's on A thief stole a wallet, navigation system, and

his car near Norman Avenue at 9 pm, but when he returned

MONTHLY HEALTH TIPS from New York Methodist Hospital

Diabetes: What You Need to Know

By Edmund Giegerich, M.D., Chief of Endocrinology

New York Methodist Hospital early 26 million Americans have diabetes, and two million new cases are diagnosed **V**each year. Diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, heart disease, stroke and kidney disease. But with some careful planning and attention, complications of diabetes can be prevented and the disease can be managed or prevented altogether.

There are two types of diabetes—type 1 and

type 2. Both types affect the way in which the

body converts food into energy. Diabetes is a condition in which a patient has high amounts of blood sugar, either because the body cannot produce sufficient amounts of insulin, or as a result of improper response to insulin in the body. The disease stems from a problem in the pancreas, which is an organ that produces various enzymes to aid the body in the digestive process. The pancreas is also responsible for converting sugar from food into energy through the secretion of insulin (a hormone that transfers glucose from the bloodstream to the cells). The failure of the pancreas to produce or secrete sufficient quantities of insulin results in diabetes. People with type 1 diabetes are born with a

produce the insulin needed to convert sugars from food (glucose) into energy. Type 1 diabetes is most commonly diagnosed in children (it is often referred to as juvenile diabetes) and only five percent of cases fall into this category. Type 1 diabetes is a chronic disease that cannot be prevented or reversed through lifestyle choices, although changes in lifestyle can help with its management. Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes. It is a chronic disease that most often

develops through a combination of lifestyle and

genetic factors. People with type 2 diabetes have

two problems with insulin. The body does not

genetic predisposition to the disease and cannot

recognize the insulin that is produced (insulin resistance) and does not produce sufficient insulin (secretion deficit). Symptoms of type 1 diabetes may include fre-

quent urination, unusual thirst and extreme fa-

tique. People with type 2 diabetes may experience

any of the type 1 diabetes symptoms, as well as

blurred vision, numbness in the hands and feet and

Preventing or delaying the onset of type 2 dia-

betes may be possible through maintenance of a

recurring bladder infections.

healthy weight. Patients already diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes can reduce the risk of developing other health complications, like kidney disease or high cholesterol by maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It is not possible to cure the disease, but many patients with diabetes live long and healthy lives if their disease is kept under control. Physicians treating diabetes may also ask pa-

tients to monitor their blood glucose levels every

day, using a meter that evaluates the glucose level from a drop of the blood. If the glucose level is found to be too high or too low, the patient can make dietary changes to get the glucose back into a healthy range. In addition to advising patients on proper nutrition and exercise, a doctor may prescribe a medication to help keep glucose levels in check. People with type 1 diabetes need to take insulin on a daily basis to help control blood sugar and their nutritional state. Those that are newly diagnosed with either type 1 or type 2 diabetes may find it helpful to speak

with a diabetes educator to help them make grad-

ual changes to their lifestyle. A diabetes educator

can also answer any questions about medication

and treatment. While diabetes is a serious condi-

tion, with some effort patients can live enjoyable

and comfortable lives

Hard news

A crook stole construction equipment from a Court Street newsstand on Feb. 23. The owner of the news-

stand at Joralemon Street said he locked the kiosk at 11 pm on Feb. 22. When he returned the next morning at 6 am, a storage locker inside of the newsstand, which contained the equipment, was open and the gear was missing.

and \$300 from a locker at the Doge YMCA on Atlantic Avenue on Feb. 18

were gone.

Gym rat

the gym near Court Street at 3:45 pm before going to workout. When he returned after exercising, the items

A thief swiped credit cards

The victim said he left

his property in a locker at

from a locker at the Planet Fitness gym on Duffield Street on Feb. 22. The victim said she left the cash in her locker at the gym between Fulton and Willoughby streets at 7:50 pm before going to workout.

When she returned at 9 pm,

the money was gone.

Wallet snatch

the wallet in his locker at the gym between Fulton and Willoughby streets at 3 pm before going to exercise. When he returned three

hours later, the wallet was

Purse stings

missing

Duffield Street on Feb. 24.

The victim said he left

Two thugs robbed a woman at knifepoint on Bridge Street on Feb. 25. The victim told cops she was near Willoughby Street at 12:30 am when the men flashed the knife and demanded she hand over her

purse. The woman complied,

A thief stole a bike from

Hicks Street sometime be-

and the thugs ran off.

torcycle was missing.

Bike heist

near Clark Street at 5 pm on Feb. 19. When he returned

78TH PRECINCT Park Slope **Bad vibrations**

kinky toys from an apart-

ment on 14th Street on Feb.

The 22-year-old victim

told cops she moved some belongings out of her home near Third Avenue at 10:45 pm, then went elsewhere to She came back the next day at 3 pm for some items she hadn't moved, and dis-

Neighbors later told her that they spotted the front

door ajar.

Pickup line A knife-wielding thug beat up a man on Fourth Ave on Feb. 26. The 24-year-old vic-

jacket walked up and asked, "Do I know you from some-The jerk then punched the poor guy in the face and

laundry detergent from a bo-

dega on St. Marks Place on

A worker at Slope Nat-

ural Foods near Fifth Avenue told cops he was making sandwiches at 2:05 pm when he spotted two men stealing boxes of Tide. The sandwich maker then

confronted the guys — but one of them fired back, "Do

you wanna see my gun?"

Feb. 22, police say.

pects at the Bergen Street subway station a couple blocks away. **Rider rage**

A knife-toting jerk slashed

in the head three times.

choked him, and sliced his

hand with a knife.

ing on a cellphone next to the Grand Army Plaza subway station at 8:05 pm when he got into a dispute with an angry man wearing a gray The madman then alleg-A crook broke the window edly punched the straphanger of a car parked on Pacific

sneakers on St. James Place on Feb. 26. The 15-year-old victim told police that he was near Fulton Street at 4:30 pm when

up your stuff!"

and the bandit fled. Cops say that the kid refuses to identify the attacker. Food chain

told cops that she was near Flatbush Avenue Extension at 8:50 pm when one teenage girl and four boys surrounded her. She said that the posse

ies on Feb. 19.

punched her in the face and demanded money. Instead, they fled with her bag of ed-

A sneaky woman snatched two purses from the Chuck E. Cheese on Flatbush Avenue on Feb. 20. One 22-year-old victim told police she was at the

kids' eatery in Atlantic Ter-

minal Mall at 9:30 pm when

she left her Coach bag with

on S. Portland Avenue on

near Atlantic Avenue at 12:30

The 23-year-old victim

Kids' steal

a friend. That's when the grifter approached her pal and asked for directions to the restroom. When swindler walked away, the victim noticed her stuff

\$18 — was gone.

Wheel bad

am. When he returned the next morning, the \$4,000 tires on his black car were

Sock hop

Feb. 23.

enue on Feb. 24. The 23-year-old victim told police that he was near Flatbush Avenue Extension at 1:10 am when the knave

punched him in the face

man's nose on DeKalb Av-

The victim was taken to Lutheran Hospital. **Stealth care** A shady patient at Brooklyn Hospital stole an employee's cellphone on Feb. 22.

The 21-year-old victim

told police that she was at

the clinic at DeKalb Avenue

When she returned, her

some Xanax after he broke

into a Cumberland Street

on Feb. 15.

later, it was missing. — Aaron Short



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Winged migration

Thousands flock to Greenpoint for the ultimate wings

By Sarah Zorn for The Brooklyn Paper

in't no thing but a chicken wing! Such was the case at Sunday's third Such was the case at Sunuay Sunua annual Best Wings in Brooklyn Competition, held at Red Star bar in Greenpoint, where this writer had the considerable pleasure —along with reps from Yelp, the Daily News, Brooklyn Exposed and Food Curated — of judging the chickenfried goods of some of the most banging wing slingers in the borough.

We were joined by more than 2,000

poultry aficionados — who dutifully waded through an impressive roster of wings that ranged from sweet and saucy (Red Star's Raspberry BBQ), to smoky (Lonestar's Chipotle), to simple and spicy (Life Café's Buffalo), to SoCo sloshed (the Bayou at Bay Ridge's Bean Post Pub.)

And although the palates of the crowd proved to be as wide-ranging as the various flavor profiles, all were uniquely united in the end by an unapologetically primal love of wings.

"I think this brings us to our very early human nature—literally ripping flesh from bone," explained Adam Troeder, who travelled from the Upper West Side and waited on a two-hour line for the event. "In a way, I think it's a sophisticated development in our evolutionary process; showing we don't need the aid of tools and utensils to help us with our basic needs."

Newcomer Canarsie contender Brooklyn Wings definitely nailed all of our primary pleasure points - emerging as a sleeper hit to take third place with an organic, Asian-fusion wing.

Second place was a bone of contention for the judges, pitting Mulholland's of Williamsburg's audaciously naked dry-rubbed wing against Bonnie's of Park Slope's traditional, hot-sauce sluiced take.

This judge was duly won over by an acidic squirt of fresh lime that topped Mulholland's entry, but — not willing to stage a reenactment of 12 Angry Men—eventually let it go. No such battles were waged over the evening's ultimate winner, how-



So fly: Sarah Young and Billy Mulholland of Mulholland's in Williamsburg presented a spicy dry-rubbed wing at the Best of Brooklyn chicken wing competition at Red Star Bar in Greenpoint.

ever, with 2010's inaugural champion — Crown Heights' Super Wings NY—once

again flying away with the prize. "I think people love us because we go real strong with the flavor, marinating the

chicken for 24 hours before we even fry it," said owner Colette Burnett of her zesty, meaty, impossibly crisp-tender Caribbeanaccented wing with lava sauce.

"Iam beyond excited; this is the biggest win

for us," she added. "Our business was only five months old when we competed for the first time, so to win again in 2012 is amazing. Brooklyn is the best place in the world, so to be best in Brooklyn — my goodness!

Sling your own wings

Want to know what an award winning wing tastes like? Get ready for next year's The Best Wings in Brooklyn competition by studying up on Colette Burnett's game-changing recipe below.



TRINI TAMARIND WINGS

Courtesy of Burnett, Super Wings NY Makes 35–40 wings

CARIBBEAN-STYLE MARINADE

- 1/3 cup fresh thyme
- leaves 1/3 cup garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 tblsp. Cajun
- seasoning 1/4 cup vinegar 4 pounds chicken wings

TRINI TAMARIND

2 cups tamarind pulp (soak 1 lb. peeled

tamarind fruit in 1 1/2cups warm water, then sieve to extract seeds and seed

- coverings).
- 1 cup water 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh
- cilantro leaves 3 tblsp. salt
- 2 tblsp. pureed garlic 1 1/2 tblsp. garam
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- Habanero pepper, or red pepper flakes

LAVA SAUCE 1/4 cup olive oil

- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise 2 tblsp. sugar

Canola or vegetable oil, for frying

2 tblsp. paprika

DIRECTIONS

2 tblsp. Secret Special 4 pepper blend, or your

favorite combination

For the marinade: Pu-

ree all the ingredients, except the chicken wings, together in a food processor, and then add to the chicken wings. Marinate the wings for 24 hours.

For the tamarind sauce: Mix all the ingredients into a medium-thick sauce. Refrigerate for one day to allow all the flavors to meld. For the lava sauce: In a

small pot, heat the olive oil

and saute the garlic until golden; remove and cool. Add all the other ingredients. combine completely, and refrigerate.

Preheat the oil to 350 degrees F.

Add the chicken wings to the oil and deep fry until they are crispy and golden, about 15 minutes. Remove

from the oil and drain.

Transfer the wings to a hot wok and douse with Trini Tamarind Sauce. Saute the wings for one minute in the sauce, remove, and drizzle with Lava Sauce for an extra punch of spicy goodness.

Super Wings NY [1218 Union St. between Rogers and Nostrand avenues in Crown Heights, (718) 467-

POETRY

Poetry pros

This isn't your run-of-the-mill, neighbor-

hood poetry slam. On Mar. 9, the Brooklyn Academy of Music is hosting "Poetry 2012: Grand Slam," a night of performances from the country's most talented slam-poets, beat-boxers,



and hip-hop artists in a multi-cultural, interdisciplinary extravaganza celebrating the art of the spoken word. "It will be weird," said

poet Joshua Bennett, a Princeton grad student who is performing with the poetic ensemble Striver's

 $Row. ``The re\,will\,be polyphonic type stuff going on.$ It is definitely not going to be all a cappella."

Hosting the poetic performances will be the

all-star duo of Hip-hop duo Baba Israel, a hip-hop emcee, poet, and beat boxer, who has been featured on MTV, VH1, and BET; and DJ Reborn.

"We scout for the best poets nationally and in-ternationally," said Foster. "When choosing the artists to be involved, we look for poets who have a strong message to share with the students." BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. be-

tween Rockwell and Ashland places in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100] Mar. 9, 7:30 pm. \$10, for info, visit www.bam.org — Colin Mixson

THEATER

Burn, baby!

For four nights in March, the Brooklyn Lyceum will be transformed into an infamous coal mining town with a haunted past, thanks to Ugly Rhino Productions, a booze-infused theater company with a pentient for putting on weird shows with tailor-made cocktails to match.

'Centralia: A Nice Place to Live," which opens on March 2 and runs every Friday night for the following four weeks, traverses the lives of nine fictional characters from a real-life ghost town in Pennsylvania that caught fire more than 50 years ago and continues to burn. Throughout the evening, theater-goers will visit six different "houses,"



set up inside a warehouse space at the Brooklyn Lyceum, each of which occupied by a different character who will deliver an interactive monologue. Additionally, there will be six artisinal cocktails, meant to correspond to each scene and character, that audience members can redeem with tearable tickets printed in their programs. "Centralia: A Nice Place to Live," at the

Brooklyn Lyceum [227 4th Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816]. March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 8 pm. Tickets, \$25, includes six specialty cocktails. For info, visit www.unglyrhinonyc.com. — Juliet Linderman

BOOKS

Living single

One is more like a singular sensation than the loneliest number these days.

At least that's what sociology superstar Eric Klinenberg argues in his new book, "Going Solo: The Ex-

traordinary Rise and Surprising Appeal of Living Alone." Klinenberg will be joined by authors Kate Bolick and Daniel Smith for a booze-fueled discussion of the single life, co-sponsored by N+1 Mag-

on March 6, fittingly called, Singles Going Steady 'Living alone is the biggest social change in the last 50 years that we've failed to name or identify," said Klinenberg. "I

came to see the rise of living alone as this incredible social experiment, and one that was far more interesting than we typically believe." Kate Bolick, who penned a cover story on the topic in the Atlantic Monthly last year, be-

lieves that snagging a one-bedroom apartment is more liberating now than it's ever been. "It was an eye-opening process to try and wrap

my eye around this large, multi-faceted conversation about our moment," Bolick said. Bolick attributes the rise of feminism and the knowledge economy, to which women are typically better suited than men, and increasing educational opportunities and higher wages for women in the work force as driving factors of the vast numbers of women choosing to stay single. "It's brought us to a place that nobody anticipated." Singles Going Steady at powerHouse Arena

[37 Main St. between Water and Front streets in DUMBO, (718) 230-4530]. For info, visit www. powerhousearena.com. — Juliet Linderman



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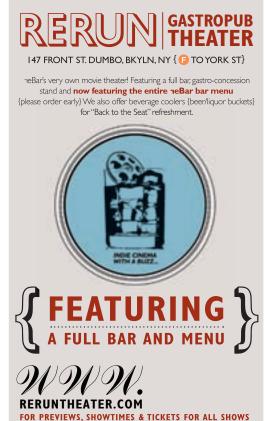
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EDITORS' PICKS

SATURDAY March 3



Birthday bash

The Bushwich Community Darkroom is turning one, and to celebrate they're throwing a birthday bash featuring NYC's most sizzling women rockers. Chicks Throwing Bricks, Massage Club, Elle King, American Sun, and Jazzy & the Belles are among the hot chick musicians booked for the festivities in an effort to raise funds for the film developer's new space.

8 pm. Pine Box Rock Shop [12 Grattan St. between Morgan Avenue and Bogart Street in Bushwick, (718) 366-6311] \$5-\$50 suggested donation, for info, visit www. bushwickcommunitydarkroom.com.

SUNDAY

March 4



"DJ Uncle Mike & Collect-I-Bowl Crew present the Collect-I-Bowl Record Show" is a one-day convention of vinyl vendors and record collectors that's perfect for treasure seeking music lovers with a love for that analogue crackle. Be sure to show up early, and stake your claim before all the rare finds are picked clean from amongst the thousands of 2 inches. 7 inches and Picture

11 am. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 12th and N. 11th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-33691. Free, for info, visit



NINE DAYS

TUESDAY March 6



Author Stacy Pershall grew up depressed and too smart for her own good, a situation that worsened over the years. Eventually, she found unlikely solice in tattoos. Join Fast River Tattoo artist Sue Jeiven and artist Kitty Jo Sainte-Marie for a discussion about books, ink and tattoos' cathartic

7 pm. WORD [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096]. Free, for info visit www.wordbrooklyn.com

effect.

SATURDAY

March 10

Galleries after dark Williamsburg and

Greenpoint's galleries are throwing open their doors and staying open latenight, so North Brooklyn's artists, revelers and night owls can peruse the nabe's artsy digs and check out what the most cutting edge artists are getting up

7:30 pm. The Bell House [149 7th St. between Second and Third Avenue in Gowanus (718) 643-6510] \$18 [\$15 in advancel For info. visit www.thebellhouseny. com8 pm.



SUNDAY March 11

Invisible doodle

Daniel Horowitz decided he needed a break from his computer, so he proposed a personal challenge; draw one picture every day, for a whole year. At the Invisible Dog Art Center, he'll be showcasing his project — and all 365 pieces of art — that he created during his year of drawing, painting, and collaging.

6 pm. Invisible Dog Art Center [51 Bergen St. between Smith Street and Boerum Place in Boerum Hill, (646) 270-2550] Free, for info, visit

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FRI, MARCH 2

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TAX PREP: Councilman Domenic Recchia, (D-Coney Island), Food Bank for New York City and The City University of New York invite qualified individuals to a tax prep day. Qualipeople and low-income families.

individuals to a tax prep day. Qualified individuals must bring Photo ID, SS Card or ITIN; W-2s for all jobs held in 2011; 1099-G if you received unemployment in 2011; 1098 T if you paid tuition; 1098 E if you paid student loan interest; and if you you paid tuition; 1098 E if you paid student loan interest; and if you are claiming child care expenses, the amount you paid and child care agency's ID or name and SS number of the babysitter. (Income limits are \$50,000 with dependents and \$18,000 without dependents.) Free. 10 am-5 pm. Gravesend Public Library [303 Ave. X between West First and West Second streets in Gravesend, (718) 894-8060], www. brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

WORKSHOP, YOGA: Instructor Diana Treglia directs seniors in a restorative yoga class. \$15. 1:30pm -3 lege [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur

Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5050], www.kingsborough.edu. WORKSHOP, FUN FRIDAYS: Children orkshof, Fun Fribats: Childrer get together with friends and play video games. Free. 4 pm. Eastern Parkway Public Library [1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 778-9330], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

NEW YEAR GALA: Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with a hot buffet. Free. 7 pm-9:30 pm. New Utrecht High School [1601 80th St. at 16th Avenue in Bensonhurst, (718) 492-0409 X 312].

SAT, MARCH 3

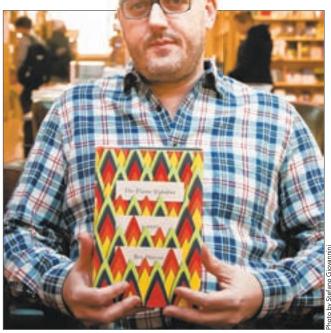
PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA": An opera double-feature with subtitles and orchestra accompani-ment. \$20. 3 pm. Regina Hall [1210 65th St. at 12th Avenue in Dyker Heights, (718) 259-2772], www.regi-

OTHER

TAX HELP: State Sen. Marty Golden is sponsoring income tax preparation for seniors; by appointment only. Free. 9 am–11:30 am. District office [7408 Fifth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-6044].

WORKSHOP, HEALTH EDUCATION: Family-to-Family is designed for families, of persons with serious mental illnesses. The course covers info on schizophrenia, mood disor-



On fire: Go see Ben Marcus read from his new novel. "The Flame Alphabet." on March 8 at St. Francis College.

ders; panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder. The co led by June Rodrigues and Shelly Eisenhart and is for family mem-bers, not persons suffering from the disorders. Presented by NAMI East Flatbush, Inc. **Free**. 10 am–12:30 pm. Kings County Hospital Center

[451 Clarkson Ave. between New York Avenue and Prospect Lefferts Gardens, (718) 512-5269].

TAX HELP: 10 am-2 pm. See Friday,

GRAND OPENING: Come visit the Stork for a change of pace. The

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children's boutique is finally open-ing and the day promises music, light refreshments, and scrumptious cupcakes. 10 am–6 pm. Stork (726 Franklin Ave. between Park and Sterling places in Crown Heights, (347) 614-8648].

BLOOD DRIVE: The Aviators Hockey

Club and the American Red Cross sponsor the drive. Walk-ins welcome. All donors eligible to enter a daily drawing to win a \$50 Red Cross reward. Free. 10 am-4 pm. Aviator Sports and Events Center (1215) Elektrich Am. (2001) 723-2767 [3159 Flatbush Ave. (800) 733-2767], https://www.redcrossblood.org.

CITIZENSHIP PREP: For immigrants planning on applying for US citizenship. Registration required. Free. 10:30 am-1:30 pm and 1:30-4:30 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope. (719) 748, 74001 w Slope, (718) 768-7100], www.

ymcanyc.org. IDS CAFE: Dance annual Goes to College festival which features performances by student choreographers, national university dance departments and Dancewaves pre-professional dance company. \$20 (\$15 students with id; \$12 children under 12). 3–5 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-

1624] www.kumbletheater.org WORKSHOP, JEWELRY CLASS: Nk rumah Jennings of Anu Rock and Metal Jewelry teaches metal crafting techniques involving cutting, twisting and shaping metal into unique pieces of wearable art. \$75 (Plus \$20 materials fee). 4–7 pm. Gumbo [493 Atlantic Ave. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 855-7808].

CIVIC CALENDAR

Community Board 14, Public hearing; 7 pm; Community Board 14 District Office, 810 E. 16th St. at Avenue H; (718) 859-6357; www. cb14brooklyn.com

Community Education Council District 22, Monthly meeting; 7 pm; IS 78 - Roy H Mann, 1420 E. 68th St. at Veterans Ave. (718) 968-6111.

WED, MARCH 7

Bay Ridge Council on the Aging, Monthly meeting; 9:30 am; St. Patrick's Church, 9511 Fourth Ave. at 95th Street; (718) 921-5949.

THURS, MARCH 8

Town Hall, The Flatbush Promise Neighborhood is hosting a town hall meeting addresses - what Flatbush children need to grow and succeed; 6:30–8:30 pm; PS 269, 1957 Nostrand Ave. between Foster Avenue and Farragut Road; (646) 358-6566; http:://www. Community Board 11, Monthly meeting; 7:30 pm; Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Health Care, 1740 84th St. between Bay 16th and New Utrecht AVenue; (718) 266-8800; www.brooklyncb11.org. Community Board 8, Monthly

meeting; 7 pm; Haitian American Day Care Center, 1491 Bedford Ave. at St. John's Place; (718) 46-5574; www.brooklyncb8.org Community Board 1 SLA Review Committee, Monthly meeting; 6:30 pm; Community Board 1 office, 435 Graham Ave. between

Frost and Richardson streets; (718)

MON, MARCH 12

Community Board 14, Monthly meeting; 7:30 pm; Edward R. Murrow HS, E. 17th St. and Avenue L; (718) 859-6357; www.cb14brook-

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SUN, MARCH 4 PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, CONTEMPORARY CON-CERT: Klea Blackhurst and Bill CERT: Nea Blackhurst and Bill Stritch perform the songs of Hoagy Carmichael. \$25.3 pm. Kingsbor-ough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org

MUSIC, CONCERT: Grammy award winner Billy Stritch performs selections from the Mel Torme Songbook. \$25. 3 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, [718] 368-5000], www.

kingsborough.edu.

MUSIC, "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA":

3 pm. See Saturday, March 3. See 9 DAYS on page 8



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This week's food gossip

Your hot and juicy helping of sweet, sticky restaurant news



eard the latest gossip? The second time may not have been a charm in Bay Ridge and Park Slope, but Williamsburg fares extra-well this week with chicken, crack pie, and a building full of edible businesses.

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There's something funky going on with Hinsch's—the 63-year-old Bay Ridge luncheonette, ice cream parlor and candy shop that unceremoniously

closed then unexpectedly reopened again in the span of one month. Grub Street reports that it's on the market again—with realtors asking \$195,000 key money for the \$9,000 lease—although the sources we contacted at the very much open restaurant insist it's not true. Dairy drama!

Got milk

Great news for anyone unwilling to change out of their jammies to satiate a craving for compost cookies and crack pie! The Williamsburg branch of Momofuku Milk Bar now delivers everything from pork buns (all of the fixings come in separate containers), to shakes (cereal milk, banana split and pretzel), to meal deals and party

packs (the \$20 Bridgette Jones lets you drown your sorrows in six cookies and six beers, the \$32 Date Night invites you to split two pork or veggie buns, two slices of crack pie, and six beers with your sweetie). Beats the pants off of a midnight bodega raid of Diet Pepsi and Slim Jims.

'Till' then

Rest assured, rabid supporters of Tillie's (the beloved, recently shuttered Fort Greene coffeeshop) — the bar and café about to take its place "won't be corporate and it won't be wanker." Thus quoted a certain former Brooklyn Paper editor in his interview with Dominic Tracy — the Aussie owner of the as-yet-unnamed eatery — who

promises to "look after the neighborhood" by "not serving takeaway food or coffee before 5pm."

Mix nixed

Talk about a quick turnover! We'd like to say we're surprised to hear that Mix—the half-hearted small plates redux of Park Slope's Mexicali eatery Barrio—has closed after barely one month, but....(clears throat). Here's Park Slope reveals that Casa Ventura—a presumably Spanish spot (hopefully not the small bites kind), is setting up shop on the spacious Seventh Avenue corner.

Funky chicken

Feather Factory is flying into a

vacated Park Avenue Luncheonette at 334 Driggs Ave. Get ready, mother pluckers — Williamsburg's first rotisserie chicken joint should be ready to spread its wings come spring.

ake effect

It's not all good times and crack pie in Williamsburg this week — Eater reports that the well-liked restaurant Masten Lake has closed after only seven months in business. Some readers attribute the shutter to "overpriced, pretentious food," some on the media — giving the lion's share of coverage to nearby neighbor Meatball Shop. Are we to blame for Masten Lake's demise? Discuss.

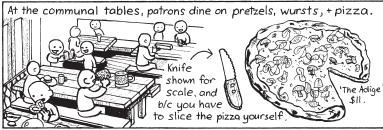


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BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Roundy







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A bite outta the bridge

New sandwich shop serves up open-faced tributes to an icon

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

e's got a bridge to

sell you!
Maimonide of
Brooklyn is dishing out
open-faced odes to the
Brooklyn Bridge in sandwich form—topping flatbread shaped like the monument's arches with kale,
eggplant, horseradish and
Moroccan spices.

Just don't call them pizzas. They're MOBs.

"It's been a trial to explain to people what it is," said chef Neal Harden, referring to the whole-wheat mosaics named at ter the restaurant's initials. "We're constantly tinkering with the menu to make it more interesting."

The Atlantic Avenue vegetarian spot offers an intrepid slew of architectural gluten, including the Iron Man, a blend of shiitake, sautéed kale and horseradish aioli; and the Brave Heart, a bold cocktail of sun-dried tomato, caper and parsley pesto and portobello mushroom.

There's also the Belly Charmer, an arch of eggplant, zucchini, carrot, pistachio, mint and cilantro.

French hotelier Cyril



Flatten out: Joseph Santiago shows off the Iron Man and Belly Charmer — two of Maimonide of Brooklyn's open-faced odes to the Brooklyn Bridge.

DINING

Maimonide of Brooklyn [525 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 797-2555]. For info, visit www.mob-usa.com.

Aouizerate is the mastermind behind these fingerfood delicacies. He created his casual-chic boite in honor of medieval philosopher, Maimonides, who argued that God preferred people to adopt plant-based diets. Aouizerate, who

spends half his time in

Paris, decked his cozy en-

clave with large wooden communal tables, a bright yellow wall with a flag of red, white and blue tiles, and a spot up front for a soulful deejay.

Waiters serve the MOBs, cut into three pieces, on Paris-made sil-

MOBs, cut into three pieces, on Paris-made silver platters with indents perfectly shaped for the breaded curvature. "People think it's a

novelty," said Joseph Santiago, who works at Maimonide. "They're overwhelmed by the space itself and then you see the food. It's humble—something that's so authentically Brooklyn."

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It's Phil and Phil

Brooklyn orchestra teams up with $a\ legend\ for\ a\ boro-centric\ show$

By Eli Rosenberg The Brooklyn Paper

ho said classical music can't have lyrics? On March 4, the Brooklyn

Philharmonic will team up with legendary wordsmith Phillip Lopate for a concert MUSIC that will blend the orchestra's Brooklyn-inspired original score

and Lopate's lyrical words — as well of those written by some of Brooklyn's most notable literary figures — to weave a musical tapestry that serves as something of a love letter to the

borough.
"We're trying to re-imagine the orchestra as a connection point," said Alan Pierson, the recently anointed artistic director of the group, that's



Get your Phil: Famed scribe Phillip Lopate has written it all, poetry, novels, essays, criticism — but his collaboration with the Brooklyn Philharmonic will be a first for him.

thetical figures such as the hip-hop artist Yasiin Bey, (AKA Mos Def)the philharmonic's new artist-in-residence - in his short tenure. "In addition to having its own tradition, the orchestra can be very versatile."

Brooklyn-born Lopate, who's penned works of poetry and fiction as well as essays and criticism, will read selections from some of the borough's emblematic texts -Walt Whitman's "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry," Paul Auster's "The Brooklyn Follies," and his own recent essay, "Brooklyn the Unknowable" create a musical landscape that harks back to the Brooklyn of past, and embraces the Brooklyn of present, where artists like the Brooklyn Philharmonic are embracing the borough as the city's creative nucleus.

'It's important to accept that Brooklyn is a changing place, but there is still a lot that is characteristically 'Brooklyn' here," Lopate said in an exclusive interview. "Although now that Brooklyn is becoming more popular, it's going to have a hard time holding on to its beautiful losers mentality.

A changing borough has changing musical tastes, it seems: the Philharmonic will play music from homegrown composers like Aaron Copeland and George Gershwin, but classical is not the first genre of music that comes to mind with Brooklyn these days.

"I would think it would be something more like Salsa and Klezmer with

Get lost in art — really!

Artist puts her experiential art project on the Internet

By Juliet Linderman for The Brooklyn Paper

Gowanus artist turned her studio into a makeshift travel agency - but instead of selling vacation packages, she gave away mysterious adventures.

Now, Sal Randolph is re-creating the experience of her "Bureau of Unknown Destinations" project online, offering digital, downloadable, do-ityourself psychogeography kits. "I've been giving away tickets in a

sealed envelope to people and they don't know where they're going," said Sal Randolph, who founded the "Bureau" in late 2011, as part of Proteus Gowanus's year-long exploration of artwork having to do with migration.

By offering visitors to her studio sealed envelopes containing a train ticket to a destination within two hours of New York City, a train timetable, a notebook to record experiences, and a short assignment (find one word that embodies the environment you visit and write it down, for example), Randolph set out to give New Yorkers a spontaneous experience unlike any other.
"The main thing that giving a gift



Treasure hunt: For her year-long residency, contemporary artist Sal Randolph transformed her studio in Proteus Gowanus into the Bureau of Unknown Destinations, giving away free tickets to an array of adventures across the tri-state area. Now, she's entering the second phase of her project: DIY destination kits

does is activate an unexpected situation, or a new situation in a person's life," said Randolph, an artist-in-residence at the Union Street arts space. "Gifts make things happen, and I never know what's going to happen. For me, the art happens for the person who is on the trip while they're having his or her

makes the art is the traveller.' After giving away 100 tickets,

Randolph has turned her attention to the wilds of the internet, where she aims to enable travellers both in New York and across the world to "unknow" their own environment and surroundings by participating experience. In a sense, the person who in an adventure aided by her digi-

tal psychogeography kits. The kits don't include a train ticket, but they do contain seven different ways to randomize the experience of travel including a guide to shuffling timetables at train stations; a downloadable sheet of paper that can be folded into a notebook; a set of cards with factoids and information about destinations reachable by train from New York City; and suggestions for adventures for those who can't afford a train ticket out of the city.

"There's a long tradition of experimental art that seeks to get beyond people's habitual ways of being, in hopes of having a fresh experience, and this is very much a part of those traditions," Randolph said. "The unknowing of your destination allows you to put aside your habits of mind and body for a certain period of time; there's a pent up desire for the unknown, and to encounter that little bit of confusion, disorientation, anxiety and excitement and pleasure."

The Bureau of Unknown Destinations at Proteus Gowanus [543 Union St. at Nevins Street in Gowanus. (718) 243-1572]. Saturdays noon-5 pm. For info on psychogeography kids, visit www.unknowndestinations.org.

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PURIM CARNIVAL: Children's rides, clowns, carnival games, arts and crafts, costume contest and free giveaways with Hamentashen, kosher food, music and lots of fun. Free. 11 am-2 pm. Kingsbay YM-YWHA [3496 Nostrand Ave. at Avenue W in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 648-7703], http:// www.kingsbayy.org.

KIDS CAFE: 3 pm–5 pm. See Saturday, March 3. WORKSHOP, AI CHI: Led by instructor Moya Mclellan se

niors learn water based exercises to strengthen and relax. \$15. 3:15–4:15 pm. Kings-borough Community Col-lege [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhat tan Beach, (718) 368-5050], www.kingsborough.edu.

MON, MARCH 5

WORKSHOP, COMPUTER skills. No experience nec-

essary. Free. 1 pm. Eastern Parkway Public Library [1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 778-9330], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

BEGINNER'S ESL: Students

learn basic structure and vocabulary and communicating in English. Registration required. Free. 6:15 to 9:15 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slone Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-71001 www. BINGO NIGHT: Bring your luck \$3. 6:45 pm. St.

luck. \$3. 6:45 pm. St. Columba RC Church - Auditorium [2245 Kimball St. Avenue U and Avenue V in Marine Park, (718) 338-6265].

MUSIC, TURKUAZ RESI-DENCY AT BROOKLYN BOWL: Free. 7 pm. Brook-lyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williams-buse (719)042 32401 burg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com

TALK AFTER 1989 - RACE AFTER 1989 — KACE AFTER MULTICULTURAL-ISM: Featuring Roberto Bedoya, Harold Augen-braum, Ego Trip Magazine, Das Racist and Latoya Peterson. Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com

READING, A DISCUSSION WITH ARMCHAIR/SHOT-GUN: Featuring Halimah Marcus, Paul Morris, Erin Harris, Eva Ratliff and Anna Knoebel. Free. 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. El-liott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], green-lightbookstore.com.

TUES, MARCH 6

BINGO NIGHT: 11 am. See Monday, March 5.

WORKSHOP, ENGLISH
CONVERSATION: Adults

practice conversational speech. Free. 1 pm. Coney Island Public Library [1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th Street in Coney Island, (718) 265-3220], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org. **BEGINNER'S ESL:** 6:15 to 9:15

pm. See Monday, March 5 READING, SINGLES GOING
STEADY: Join N+1 magazine and writers Eric Klinenberg, Kate Bolick and Daniel Smith for an evening of discussions about living single. free. 7 pm. Power-House Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO (718) 666-3049], www.pow erhousearena.com.

WED, MARCH 7

WORKSHOP, HOMEWORK HELP: Children get after school help with assignments. Free. 4:30 pm. East-ern Parkway Public Library [1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 778-9330], vww.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

WORKSHOP, TANGO LES-**SONS:** For adults and youngsters interested in ballroom dancing. No ex-

perience and no partners necessary. Sponsored by the FIAO Beacon program. Pre-registration for youngsters required. Free. 6 pm–9 pm. IS 96 [99 Ave. P at W. 11th Street in Benson-hurst, (718) 232-2266]. **BEGINNER'S ESL:** 6:15 to 9:15

pm. See Monday, March 5. READING, KEVIN YOUNG: Author of "The Grev Album: On the Blackness of Blackness". free. 7 pm. Power-House Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO. (718) 666-3049], www.pow-

THURS, MARCH 8 WORKSHOP, ENGLISH CON-VERSATION: 1 pm. See

erhousearena.com.

Tuesday, March 6. WORKSHOP, CROCHET: Adults meet every week and work on their projects. 2 pm. Midwood Public Library [975 E. 16th St. between Avenues and I in Midwood, (718) 252 0967], www.brooklynpublicli-

READING, BEN MARCUS: The author discusses his book "The Flame Alphabet " Free 4:30 pm St Francis College [180 Rem-sen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200]. TAX HELP: 6–8 pm. See Sat-

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15

pm–9:15 pm. See Monday, March 5.

READING, LESLIE EPSTEIN: Author of "Liebestod: Opera Buffa with Leib Gold-korn." **Free**. 7 pm. Power-House Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO (718) 666-3049], www.pow erhousearena.com.

FRI, MARCH 9 TAX HELP: 10 am_-2 pm. See WORKSHOP, FUN FRIDAYS:

PENNY AUCTION: Fundraiser for IS 187, the Christa McAuliffe Intermediate School. \$25. 7 pm. IS 187 [1171 65th St. at 11th Avenue in Dyker Heights, (718) 236-3394 X1151].

SAT, MARCH 10

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "CAVALLERIA RUS-TICANA": 3 pm. See Satur-day, March 3.

OTHER

TAX HELP: 9 am-11:30 am. See Saturday, March 3.

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Different, but the same

kids how people are the same, everywhere.

We don't see my sister Rachel very often. She and her husband Aaron are on the move for their work on the gas pipeline, traversing the Pacific Northwest and beyond wherever the jobs should take them. While we have lived in the same duplex apartment in Park Slope for nearly a decade, they move constantly, taking up residence in one or another mobile-home park for weeks or sometimes months; they never know for sure.

I hear tales of hot springs, see pictures of beautiful woods and waterfalls but have never been able to coordinate a visit until this past week. Finally. the kids' break and my sister and brother-in-laws' coincided and we caught up with them in their latest locale: Parker,

Arizona. It is a place, popu lation just over 3,000, that I'd never even heard of growing up in the relative metropolis of Tucson.

"I'm sorry, we came late and are stuck kind of in back, not on the water but over near where they store the other RVs." my sister apologized in advance of our arrival. I wasn't concerned. I was just excited to finally see her home, or at least one of them, the smaller of their two trailers that they pulled to Parker last year for muchneeded R-and-R in between grueling gigs.

The boys were thrilled by the idea of staying overnight in a mobile-home in the middle of the desert, right off the Colorado River. To get there, we drove three hours from Phoenix through a smattering of small dusty towns where cowboy hats are standard-is-

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It was like a mirage, the Mighty Colorado, sprouting up after miles and miles of scrubby earth with only the purple haze of rugged mountain formations as distraction. My sister pointed out to the kids that it was California just on the other side of the river and they were amazed. This was nothing at all like home.

Around past the casino/resort, through winding roads cut through hills dotted with vacation homes whose wide porches angled toward the mountains, we finally hit the RV Park. As promised, we passed by the row of waterview homes, decked out for the season with outdoor tables and chairs and gardens. We landed, though, just a stone's throw away from the breathtaking Land of the Lost view, in front of my sister's 30-foot home.

Fearless

Parenting

By Stephanie Thompson

The first word out of Oscar's mouth as he stepped up the metal stairs into the RV was "Awesome!"; Eli's was "cool!" It was a perfect world with its cozy new futon couch recently installed by my brother-in-law, a swiveling new recliner, a TV with cable, a table and four chairs, a full-working kitchen and an "upstairs" bedroom and bath.

"I'm never leaving," Oscar announced just after ar-

I had to agree with him. As hummingbirds darted past our heads and the cactus wrens cawed their desert

TATTOOS

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So she consulted fellow il-

lustrators, who flooded her inbox with ideas for fresh ink. The end result is an offbeat

assemblage of ink that wouldn't look out of place on a sunny day on Bedford Avenue; classic cameras and coffee cups by Brooklyn designer Julia Rothman; a swing set and a brown rabbit smoking a pipe by Canadian Marc Johns; and computer cursors and feline faces by the borough's Josh Smith.

Tattly took off in flying colors, even getting a nod last month at Borough President Markowitz's "State of

the Borough" address. Eisenberg dispelled the notion that her faux anchors and hearts might turn tots into future Dennis Rodmans or Kat Von Ds Her art is meant as an

accessory — especially for adult commitment-phobes. "I know I will never get

a tattoo, but I love my temporary one," she said. "It all comes down to self expression. You can dye your hair, wear big earrings, or you can get a Tattly." Eisenberg's daughter,

who's become Tattly's onekid focus group, agrees. "They're pretty," said Ella,

flashing a fake red wristwatch. "We should make one with a beautiful princess swan, with a crown on it."

Tattly's tats comes in pairs for \$5, or themed menageries starting at \$15. For info, visit Tattly.

call, it seemed pretty idyllic. The "snowbirds"—older folk from elsewhere who come to soak in the Arizona sun in win-—were extremely friendly as we took a walk past their waterfront homes. They chatted with the boys and happily shared their dogs. There were docks for boats, though Aaron and Rachel's was one of the only ones. We took a ride, slowing through the nearby canals where the extravagant homes are built just along the edge, and docked at a nearby RV park's new pirate-themed outdoor bar and restaurant. Back at the park later, as

Aaron picked up a new awning part he needed from some neighbors getting rid of it, as he waved hello to the nice man who'd watched their cat while they were away, it struck me how seemingly different but very similar small communities are. Just like I pick things up at stoop sales or ask a neighbor to get my mail or water my plants, so too do people in more transient communities like this one rely on each other. It is crucial in any of the places where we live to be able to count on the kindness of strangers.

The boys went off happily in Aaron and Rachel's truck to find big rocks for the firepit Aaron had promised to build for s'mores under the stars. They came back a bit later and unloaded as Aaron dug expertly and placed their findings around in a ring. We ate delicious authentic Mexican take-out at a picnic table as the fire blazed beside us. Even the branches we found to roast marshmallows were beautiful, zig-zagged in a way I've never seen.

When it was time to go after a few days, when we'd overstayed our welcome on the plush futon bed we slept in happily three abreast, Oscar was not pleased. I thought maybe I wouldn't be able to pry him off the couch and away from Kitty. Finally, he acquiesced.

Back in Park Slope, the abundance of cafes and restaurants and the buzz of constant activity is a far cry from Parker, and yet, strangely the

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not have gas, electricity, or running water. But that hasn't stopped other food businesses from eying one of several hubs for culinary start-ups that's on the menu for North Brooklyn.

People's Pops, a gourmet popsicle company has toured the space and The Meat Hook's Harry Rosenblum said the building might be a good fit for a future food-related undertaking in his growing culinary empire.

"This space provides an easy way for companies to expand when the time comes," said Rosenblum. "There's lots of different types of space for everybody, and it may allow for businesses to have symbiotic relationships."

down the cash to keep manufacturing in Williams-Acumen did not return

calls for comment, but a rendering of the first floor of the building shows Acumen's vision, which includes a concert venue for hip hop shows and an artist's depiction of a "Williamsburg Food Co-op."

North Brooklyn industrial advocates are sold on the plan to keep the site a space for neighborhood busi-

"I'm delighted Acumen is dividing these into suites sized and priced appropriately for small food manufacturers," said East Williamsburg Valley Industrial Development Corporation's Leah Archibald. "That activity will help retain the industrial character of the building and keep working class jobs in Williamsburg.'

BECK.

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progressives discuss subjects such as evil-doing, Israel's right to defend itself, and onair use of the word "Nazi."

More than 200 people yarmulke-clad politicians, justice-seeking authors, and big-name lawyers — came to raise money for the Gush Katif Museum, which commemorates controversial eviction of Israeli settlements in the Gaza strip, but stayed

for Beck's speech. The former Fox News host and current Internet TV pundit earned loud applause and coverage from several news stations, but Food Coop members were not as enthusiastic.

Some fired back that Beck was simply capitalizing on the attention and commenting on a subject about

which he knows little.

"People at the Co-op are very open-minded," said Co-op member Steve Dobkin, who is Jewish and defended the shop's progressive thinking. "I'd like to boycott him."

ter a Co-op vote this week that revived calls for the purveyor of all-things-organic to sanction Israel for alleged human rights violations against Palestinians, the way the Union Street grocery banned South African products during apartheid, and. more recently, plastic bags.

The rule was first pro-

shop's newsletter, sparking international media attention and prompting gripes from hummus and paprika-loving foodies, some of whom called the plan anti-Semitic way before Beck — who is neither Jewish nor a Co-op member - hit Brooklyn.

"You have some idiots in Brooklyn," he said.

But after the speech, some said the subject was more nuanced than the way Beck had

framed it. - hit Brooklyn. "He might just be playing Assemblyman Dov Hito the crowd," said audience

kind (D-Borough Park), who member Yosef Sehwartz.

TRAIN...

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fall, declining to comment further until reviewing a feasibility report. The agency initially said it would make the G train extension permanent, but later backtracked amid budgetary woes.

MTA brass and politicians cheered the \$3.6 million entrance revamp, which

Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) called "historic" and Borough President Markowitz — who contributed \$2 million to the project — described as an example of "government doing good things.' But many straphangers

said the addition of the staircase is no consolation if the MTA plans to eliminate the G train extension.

"It's a pain," said Matt Flammer, a Fort Greene resident who commutes to Park Slope. "It means you have to wake up half an hour earlier. And that makes you that much more grumpy in the morning.

Thankfully for commuters along the G line, transit insiders say there's still hope for the train.

Gene Russianoff, a spokes-

man for the transportation advocacy group the Straphangers Campaign, said the city will likely consider how much use the G train gets at those five stations before deciding whether to extend the temporary service.

"I can tell you from private meetings with [city officials], they've been impressed by the amount of ridership at those locations," Russian-off said. "I'd like to see it continue."

GRIMM...

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Grimm is steeped in Washington's pay-to-play culture, where deep-pocketed companies reward a politician's assistance with campaign donations, or shower a political candidate with contributions to ensure that the lawmaker will help them in the future. But Grimm said he sees

nothing wrong with accepting donations from Williams Companies and National Grid. "That's the way it's sup-

posed to work," Grimm said. "People are going to donate if they think I'm doing a good

Political watchdog groups were astonished that the legislator made no qualms about his quid-pro-quo relationship with the two energy compa-

"It's outrageous for a sitting member of Congress to acknowledge so directly that he accepts contributions from individuals because this is how government is supposed to work," said Dick Dadey, the executive director of Citizens Union. "To give the impression that he responds to those who give gifts to his campaign just shows how in bed he is with the pay-to-play culture."

Meredith McGehee, the policy director of the Cam-

said. "There are other puppy

coups out there, but none

paign Legal Center, said the Williams Companies and National Grid donations, "show the influence of contributors, at a minimum, to buy access

crease National Grid's gas

output to Brooklyn and

Queens by 10 percent allowing the company to fall in the process. woman Karen

much money the new pipeline will bring in for the company, which earned \$800 million in the first half of last year alone. But she defended the com-

ing that Grimm was one of a number of elected officials National Grid gave money to in New York last year. National Grid also donated to the campaigns to reelect Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-New York) and Rep. Ed Towns (D-Fort Greene), records show. "[The contributions are]

Young said. Williams who wouldn't provide further details

with the bill he sponsored, saying it was based solely on his two-year track record in Congress.

tion that it will lead to favors or otherwise favorable treatment," Stockton said. The multi-billion dollar company also donated campaign cash to Gillibrand, as

tribution with the expecta-

Grimm proposed building the pipeline — which requires federal approval since it would run through the Gateway National Recreation Area, the borough's only national park — last July. The House approved Grimm's bill earlier this month.

schedule a vote on the bill since it must first be approved by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where the law is under review, a senate spokesman said. Once the pipeline is given

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because the pipeline would help the city meet its goal of making its energy supply cleaner and cheaper by 2030 and allow more buildings to switch from fuel oil to nat-

Grimm said the pipeline

would be an economic boon for Brooklyn by creating 300 "This was something that

was a priority for me from

through a string of controversies this month, including the hiring of Fran Vella-Marrone, a scandal-scarred activist accused of committing an ethics violation by getting her husband a patronage job that

impact on traffic, the store cut

back the size of its initial pro-

posal by 10,000 square feet,

chopped more than 150 park-

ing spaces, and announced

plans to build a greenhouse

The panel considered

whether the shop "alters

the essential character of the

neighborhood"—but board

members did not comment

on its roof.

Grimm has suffered ultimately led to the death of a 17-year-old girl. He's also been accused of accepting illegal campaign contributions in 2010, and covering up his connection to a former business partner who spent 18 months in prison.

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The ruling pleases Whole

Foods spokesman Michael

Sinatra, who said the store

will apply for building per-

mits over the next few weeks

and start constructing the su-

said. "This was an impor-

to comment for this story.

Though Shapiro admits

the new Gap Factory Store

may offer budget prices, he

'We're really excited," he

nermarket this spring.

ter the vote.

tant hurdle."

WHOLE.

Continued from page 1 2013 and is expected to be a hit among the borough's kombucha set, potentially drawing as many as 5,880 cars to its lot on Saturdays, ac-

cording to the grocer's pro-

iections.

But the arrival of the supermarket means trouble for artists and small business owners who say "upscale retail" will cause rent to increase and art-centric businesses to migrate. It also upsets some resi-

dents who say the store caters more to drivers from outside the area than the neighborhood itself. "It's frustrating," said Katia Kelly, who lives nearby.

"It opens the flood gates for more developers with plans for huge buildings.' Others claimed the panel didn't do its "due diligence"

sive shop would impact the 'They didn't take our comments seriously," said Marlene Donnelly of Friends and Res-

- which first anmarket nounced plans to open seven years ago - has had many setbacks, including a lengthy setback spent cleaning its toxic lot along the waterway.

Andries. "I shop at the Gap often,

and instead of running into the city or to King's Plaza, if I'm in the neighborhood can just come here," said Andries, who has been running errands on Fulton Mall for over 20 years. But Downtown activists

fear the store's arrival is another step in the whitewashing of the historic thoroughfare, which doesn't boast the fancy boutiques and restaurants found on some of the borough's other retail strips, but actually commands the highest commercial rents in Brooklyn.

trying to cash in on a boom, one that does not rely on the long-term stakeholders who have made the area a success," says Lucas Shapiro, a senior organizer at Families United for Racial and Economic Equality. Shapiro blasted the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, a business improvement dis-

to displace the current consumers with a wealthier cli-

"The dramatic transforsays even low-cost chains can mation of the area has been attract more well-off shoppers and lead to increasingly

driven by luxury developers expensive stores moving in

mind the Gap — in fact they see it as a boon. "It should only affect us in a good way," said Adam

Shiekh, a manager at Fino Menswear and Shoes across the street from the Gap. "The big names add more value to the mall. When the big names come in, more customers come to the Mall. That's good for all the stores in the

DOGS. Continued from page 1 Gail Rothschild said that her to sample a fine wine — but

dog owners like Nicole Glazebrook are willing to sacrifice a little comfort knowing their pups are getting the training they need. "We want him to be more dog like," said Glazebrook,

a Brooklyn Heights resident whose 16-week-old pint-sized dachshund, Milo, hid behind his owner when twin golden retrievers pounced on him. "He's definitely shy and annoys older dogs. It's nice for him to get social practice."

15-week-old goldie, Petra, has become "a mature young lady" since joining the vino sessions — though she's not allowed any adult drinks. 'The wine definitely lubricates the process," she

like this one."

Wine 'N Puppies social hour at the Wag Club [362 Furman St. at Joralemon Street in Brooklyn Heights, (347) 689-6925], every Monday from 7:30-8:30 pm. \$15. For info, visit Prospect Heights resident www.wagclubny.com.

to [politicians]. The pipeline would in-

grow its 1.2 million customer base in the two boroughs and reap a potential multi-million dollar wind-National Grid spokes-Young wouldn't say exactly how

pany's contribution, claim-

a way for our employees to be involved in the political process and make a difference in the communities in which we live and work," Companies will profit off the pipeline by charging National Grid for

taking the gas from its mas-

sive Atlantic Ocean supply

line, according to company

spokesman Chris Stockton,

But Stockton also denied

that company's donation to Grimm had anything to do 'We never make a con-

well as Rep. Steve Israel (D-Long Island) and dozens of other lawmakers from around the country last year.

The Senate has yet to

the green light, contractors will rip up Flatbush Avenue from Avenue U to a proposed meter station in an existing hangar at Floyd Bennett Field birders, sports teams and

tration is backing the project

idents of Greater Gowanus, a neighborhood group.

day one," Grimm said. "It's going to be very good for the community.'

The long-delayed super-

Facing criticism from neighbors about its scale and

GAP... Continued from page 1

trict that has encouraged development in the neighborhood, for making an "effort

The Partnership declined

later on. But some of the Mall's smaller sellers say they don't

Legal Notices

SUPREME COURT OF ing plans, Keogh accounts, NEW OF KINGS Index No. 56971/2011 Date Summons Date Summons 12/29/2011

Plaintiff designates: KINGS County as the place of trial.
The basis of the venue is: CPLR 509 SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

LI XIA WIJ, Plaintiff -against- LI GEN LIU, De-ACTION FOR A DIVORCE To the above named De

fendant

<u>00a</u> YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-MONED to serve a notice of appearance, on Plaintiff's Attornev v Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of

your failure to judgment will be appear against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. Dated, Brooklyn, New York December 28, 2011 JAMES COSTO

attorney for Plaintiff 8th Avenue, Suite

Brooklyn, New York 11220 18) 680-1818 IOTICE: The nature of this

narriage between the par ies, on the grounds: DRL § 170(2) abandonment. The relief sought is, a judgment of absolute divorce in avor of Plaintiff dissolving ne marriage between the

arties in this action.

parties in this action.

NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC

ORDERS (D.R.L. 236)

PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW §

236, Part B, Section 2, as
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SUPREME COURT THE STATE OF YORK COUNTY KINGS ndex No. 56972/2011

Date Summons 12/29/2011 Plaintiff designates: KINGS County as the place of trial. The basis of the venue is: CPLR 509 NIMMONS WITH NOTICE

YAN MEI DENG, Plaintiff against- JIMMY LO SIE SEN Defendant ACTION FOR A DIVORCE To the above named De-

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Dated, Brooklyn, New York
December 28, 2011

JAMES COSTO Attorney for Plaintiff 8th Avenue, Suite 6402 305 Brooklyn, New York 11220

(718) 680-1818 NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL § 170(2) abandonment.

The relief sought is, a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. parties in this action.
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All work on this Contract is to be completed within (300) calendar days, starting ten (10) calendar days after the contract Bidding and Contract Documents may be examined free of charge at the campus at: SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 811

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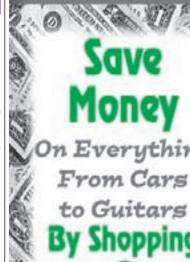
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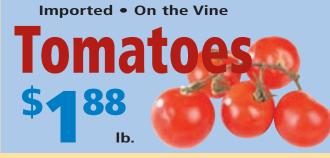
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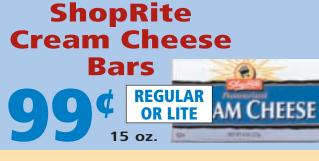
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